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SUBJECT: AMERICAN BUREAU OF SHIPPING'S NEW OFFICE IN
POLISH SHIPYARDS: POSSIBLY THE FIRST US-POLISH JOINT VENTURE

1. WHAT MAY POSSIBLY BE THE FIRST US-POLISH JOINT VENTURE
HAS BEEN REPORTED TO THE EMBASSY BY MESSRS. VOLLACK AND
BAEKLUND, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE AMERICAN BUREAU OF SHIPPING,
WHO TOLD US SEPT 19 THAT ABS'S REQUEST TO OPEN
AN OFFICE IN THE POLISH SHIPYARDS AT GDANSK AND GDYNIA
HAD BEEN APPROVED AND SIGNED IN AGUST. ABS WILL HAVE
OFFICE SPACE IN THE SHIPYARDS AT BOTH GDYNIA AND GDANSK.
IT WILL OPERATE IN COOPERATION WITH THE POLISH BUREAU OF
SHIPPING, AND WILL SHARE ITS REVENUES WITH THAT ORGANIZA-
TION. BAEKLUND, A SWEDISH NATIONAL, WILL DIRECT THE OFFICE
AND WILL BE RESIDENT IN SOPOT.

2. AS VOLLACK DESCRIBED THE ABS AUTHORIZATION, IT
DIFFERS FROM PREVIOUS OFFICE
LICENSES ISSUED TO US FIRMS IN SEVERAL SIGNIFICANT WAYS.

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FIRST OF ALL, IT IS VALID INDEFINITELY, ALTHOUGH IT CAN

BE CANCELLED BY THE POLISH SIDE ON SIX MONTHS NOTICE. OTHER US OFFICE LICENSES ARE VALID INITIALLY FOR ONE YEAR AND MUST BE RENEWED AT TWO-YEAR INTERVALS AFTER THE FIRST YEAR. SECONDLY, THE ABS'S LICENSE WAS ISSUED BY THE MINISTRY OF THE MACHINE INDUSTRY AND THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, WHILE OTHER US BUSINESSES HERE ARE LICENSED BY THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND MARITIME ECONOMY, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE ONE US BANK OFFICE, WHICH RECEIVED ITS LICENSE FROM THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE. FINALLY, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, THE OFFICE IS AUTHORIZED TO GENERATE BOTH ZLOTY AND HARD-CURRENCY REVENUES AND TO USE THE ZLOTY REVENUE TO PAY LOCAL COSTS.

3. ABS HAS AN ENGINEERING AND CONSULTING DIVISION CALLED ABS TECHNICAL SERVICES, WHICH IS CONSIDERED A PROFIT-MAKING DIVISION, AND ADDITION TO ITS SHIP-REGISTRY SERVICE. THE ABS REPRESENTATIVES NOTED THAT THEY HAD NOT PROMOTED THE ACTIVITIES OF ABS TECHNICAL SERVICES WHEN DISCUSSING THEIR NEW OFFICE WITH THE POLES, BUT THAT THEY HOPE THAT THE OFFICE WILL GENERATE BUSINESS FOR ABS TECHNICAL SERVICES.

4. COMMENT: VOLLACK'S DESCRIPTION OF THE ABS OFFICE INDICATES THAT IT MAY BE THE NEAREST THING TO A JOINT VENTURE WITH A WESTERN FIRM YET APPROVED BY THE POLISH GOVERNMENT. ITS OPERATIONS MAY GIVE SOME CLUES TO THE POLISH THINKING ABOUT THE PROPER ROLE OF JOINT VENTURES WITH WESTERN FIRMS IN THE POLISH ECONOMY. DAVIES

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